

Sinclair Broadcasting's unprecedented and arrogant decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is both a clear violation of their charter and a perfect example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is legally obliged to serve the public interest. But when large corporations control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what actually benefits the viewer/listener/readership. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter to us locally, instead of something produced by those far removed geographically, politically and culturally.

Sinclair's actions show why the license renewal process needs to be made more stringent and the rules strengthened. Thank you.